

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 117

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Christine Oden of White House.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Christine Oden; and

WHEREAS, Christine “Chris” Oden was an exemplary individual and consummate wife, mother, and friend who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on October 1, 1973, in Greenwood, South Carolina, Chris Oden was the daughter of Jerry Lawson and Frances Regen; and

WHEREAS, a gentle and gracious wife and mother, Chris enjoyed the loving companionship of her devoted husband, J.C. Oden, and was the proud parent of two beloved daughters, Haven Rayne and Selah Faith Oden; and

WHEREAS, a deeply spiritual, selfless, and courageous woman, Mrs. Oden was buoyed during her tragic illness by the unshaken Christian faith shared by herself and her family as they chose to stand firmly and “believe;” and

WHEREAS, she was a devout member of the Church at Grace Park in White House, which served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her husband, children, and parents, Chris Oden is also survived by her sisters, Sandi Amyx and LeAnne Simmons, her stepsister, Tracy Lawson, and her brother, Shane Lawson; and

WHEREAS, Chris Oden leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the beautiful life of this exceptional wife, mother, and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Christine Oden, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Oden.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.